THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. However, Government of India through a centrally sponsored scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) has been rendering financial assistance to the States to supplement their efforts to provide potable drinking water in the rural habitations. The funds are allocated to the States based on a criteria, which takes into account rural population, geographical conditions, number of not covered and partially covered habitations and water quality status.

Backlog vacancies

2682. SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies in all the cadres as on 31st March, 2004 in all the departments under the Ministry;

(b) the number of vacancies filled in during the last two years; and

(c) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYA KANTA PATIL): (a) The number of backlog vacancies in all the cadres as on 31st March, 2004 in all the departments under the Ministry of Rural Development is 60.

(b) The number of vacancies filled in during the last two years is 111.

(c) The number of backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006 under the Ministry of Rural Development is 152.

Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

2683. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts covered under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, State-wise at the initial stage;

(b) the allocation of funds made to each Distt.;